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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: October 4, 2025

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*In 2 Timothy, the Apostle Paul writes, "I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day." At Emmanuel, we stand on the shoulders of spiritual ancestors whose sincere faith has provided us with a caring family and a call to share God's love and forgiveness in all generations. "Emmanuel" means "God with Us." Today, we celebrate this "good deposit."*

*The information we've included in this newsletter is designed to help our Emmanuel family stay connected and involved. You can view our monthly calendar [here](#). Thanks for your interest and for all you do to strengthen the ministry we share.*

*Together in Christ,*

*Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer*

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## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES, WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

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### **NEW! 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Saturday, October 4:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 5:** 8:00 a.m. (Holy Communion); 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 8:** 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



### **NEW! Prayers for PALS**

This week, we are praying for Justin and Olivia.

### **Sunday and Weekday Christian Education for Fall 2025**

- Sunday School for ages birth-Eighth Grade, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- Sunday Adult Bible Study: *I Love to Tell the Story*, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary
- Weekday Bible Studies for adults

See a complete listing of these opportunities [here](#).

### **NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online**

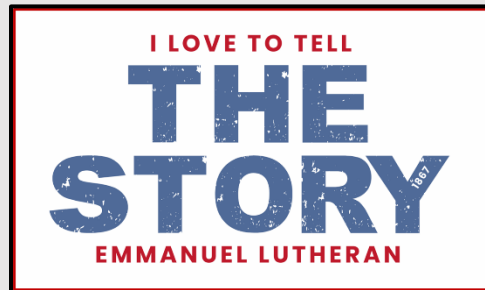


Each week, Pastors Eggold and Sheaffer lead a video Bible Study based on the Readings for the coming Sunday. Click [here](#) to view this week's study, as well as over 200 more video Bible Studies led by our pastors.

## Sanctuary Doors

For security reasons, all of our Sanctuary doors, including the west side door, will be locked following the Opening Hymn/Song of each service. Please use the main doors of Ebenezer Hall (circle drive entrance) to enter the church after this time. Thank you for your understanding!

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### **NEW! Sunday Adult Bible Study**

Join us for *I Love to Tell the Story*, **tomorrow, Sunday, October 5**, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Pastor Eggold will lead a presentation on the last 20 years at Emmanuel entitled, *A Story of Growth*. **If you'd like to view the previous presentations, click [here](#).**

### ***I Love to Tell the Story* Service Weekend**

On **Saturday, October 11, and Sunday, October 12**, Emmanuel members will “Tell the Story” as we serve in our community. We need many volunteers for the projects we will be completing and we would love your help! Volunteers can expect to serve a three-hour shift. Please register [here](#) for the service day and you will be contacted with more information about your project.

In addition to the many service projects we will complete on October 11 and 12, we will also be hosting PrayerWorks on **Saturday, October 11**, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. This is a great way for those unable to assist with other service projects to serve in the community. [Here](#) is a list of the responsibilities for hosting at PrayerWorks. You can sign up for a one-hour time slot [here](#).

### **Volunteers Needed for NeighborFest**

On **Saturday, October 18**, from noon to 5:00 p.m., we will welcome our West Central Neighborhood friends to the Union Street parking lot for our very first NeighborFest. NeighborFest will be a great place to celebrate and share our story as we open our campus to the families in our community for food, music, fun, and games. We will need many hands to host this event, so please consider volunteering to assist with NeighborFest. You can sign up [here](#) to help.

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## GET INVOLVED

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### **Prayer is Powerful**

Since 40 days For Life was established many years ago, lives have been saved by praying for the unborn and their mothers. Emmanuel's Lutherans for Life will again participate in the annual 40 Days of Prayer on **Monday, October 6**, 1:00-4:00 p.m., in front of Planned Parenthood on Lake Ave. Parking is available at Right to Life of Northeast Indiana, 3106 Lake Av. This is a peaceful prayer event. Any questions call 260.433.1788. *If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land.* 2nd Chronicles 7:14

## GAME ON Is On

GAME ON is a group designed for those who like to play tables games. We play a different game each month. Sometimes we play as individuals, other times we play with partners and sometimes we divide into teams. The game for October is Left Center Right, a fast moving dice game. No experience is needed. Everyone is an expert. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and food. GAME ON will meet **Tuesday, October 7**, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall. Please join us and bring a friend. We love to meet new people. Sign-up is located at the Connection's Counter. If you forget to sign-up, come anyway.

## Visual Faith Ministries

Join us **Tuesday, October 7**, 6:00–8:00 p.m., as we prepare our hearts for Advent. Christmas will be here before we know it, and it's easy to get swept up in decorations, shopping, and plans. Visual Faith invites you to pause, refocus, and center your heart on Christ. At our next two workshops—October 7 and November 4—we'll create Advent Devotional Journals that align with Emmanuel's Advent devotions. No prior experience is needed; supplies and guidance are provided. Come for fellowship, fun, and creative prayer practices that help the Word dwell richly in you. Sign up [here](#).



## Lutherans For Life

Our next LFL meeting will be held **Friday, October 10**, at 9:30 a.m. Our guest speaker is from [The Lighthouse](#), a residence for men with addictions. Their vision includes faith-based residential addiction services, mentorship, consultation services, drug testing, and community training/education. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings and learn more about our life affirming issues here in Fort Wayne.

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## EMMANUEL—ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL (ESM) CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (CLHS)

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### **NEW!** Concordia Comes to Emmanuel this Thursday, October 9



Leadership from Concordia Lutheran High School will be at Emmanuel on **Thursday, October 9**, 7:00 p.m., to share exciting news about the high school's capital campaign, [A Bold Step](#). Learn how you can be part of this God-sized

journey by registering [here](#).

## Craft Fair

Come out and support Emmanuel—St. Michael 8th graders at the Craft Show here at Emmanuel, **Saturday, October 25**, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. There will be handmade candles, jewelry, soaps, home decor, candies, treats, and more. If you're interested in becoming a vendor, reach out to [craftfair@esmeagles.com](mailto:craftfair@esmeagles.com).

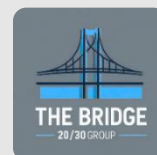
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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### **NEW!** Bridge 20/30: Where Young Adults Connect, Grow, & Belong

Bridge 20/30 is a group for young adults in their 20s & 30s to connect in faith and fellowship. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. [Join us this month!](#) Questions? Contact Dawn Schuller at [dschuller@clhscadets.com](mailto:dschuller@clhscadets.com).



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## RESOURCES

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### **NEW! Mental Health Moment**



Autism spectrum disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave. Click [here](#) to learn about the positive impact autistic individuals can have on us.

### **Project Connect**

This week's booklet is [Love Thy Neighbor](#). Caring for people in community is part of the Christian's mission. Displaying Christ-centered service, a loving witness, and a genuine, non-partial concern for one's neighbors is central to our calling.



Project Connect is a topical booklet ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Our Project Connect booklets address a wide variety of topics, offering booklets that connect God's Word to real-life issues. PDF versions of our booklets are available in our [virtual library](#) and on our [new mobile app](#). Some booklets are even available in audio formats!

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